AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 13 and ending on page 5, line 18 with the following amended paragraph marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version:

Figure 1 shows a schematic diagram of a preferred embodiment. At 10 is shown the engine infrastructure of the preferred embodiment. Written in Java, and present on the server, this software enables various data, plug-ins, applications, processes, and algorithms to be used in order to ~~customized~~ customize the trading process. These data, plug-ins, applications, processes and algorithms are imported or plugged into the engine as desired in order to implement a particular trading strategy.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 7 and ending on page 7, line 12 with the following amended paragraph marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version:

Returning to Figure 2, the Market Specifics plug-in 1 has been chosen. Market specifics provide specific variables, data and other plug-ins necessary for the specific market in which the embodiment is being used. For example, ~~they~~ there may be different limits on trading volume in one market versus another. The preferred embodiments permit configuration and modification of these Market Specifics, by plug-ins, so that they may be used in a variety of markets as desired.